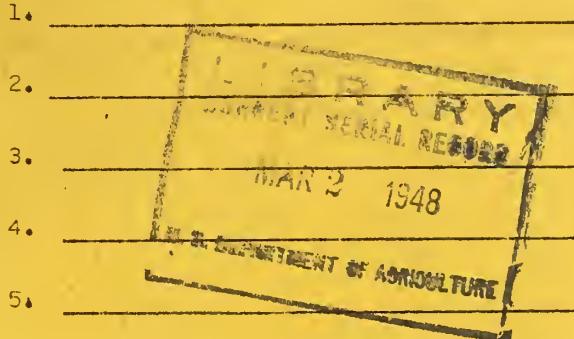


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### AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEES RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Temporary Officers Elected

Joan Markland, former president of the RWA Athletic Association, was elected as temporary president of the new Agriculture Employees Recreation Association at a luncheon meeting of the Organizing Committee for the new Association held Thursday, February 12, in the South Building. Other officers and committee chairmen for the new AERA elected at this time to serve until June 1948, were as follows:

Vice Pres.-Tyler F. Hartsing (Former Pres. of the Agric. Research Center Employees Assoc.)  
Secretary-Carl Bark (Pres., Farm Credit Club)  
Treasurer-Don C. Beckler (Pres. Plant Industry Station Employees Association)  
Membership Committee Chairman-Joe Bertolini (Pres., Athletic & Recreation Association which has been a forerunner of the present AERA)

A draft of a proposed constitution and by-laws for the new Association was presented by Mr. Joseph B. Ragan, Chairman, Employee Activities Committee of the Welfare Association.

The new Association will be governed by a Council composed of the presidents and additional representatives from the agency employee recreation associations that join the Association.

#### Discount Purchasing Features

One of the features of the new Association which will be of interest to every individual employed in Agriculture buildings will be a greatly expanded list of stores and other agencies offering discounts on purchases to the members of the new Association.

Due to the new Association will be \$1.00 a year and anyone employed in Agriculture buildings in the Washington Metropolitan Area will be eligible for membership. However, when an employee already belongs to an agency employee recreation or athletic association or club, such a person will receive a free membership in the new Association when his local group joins the Association's Council.

Anyone who is contemplating any purchases of household equipment, electrical equipment, clothing or almost any other article not already in extremely short supply will find it worth while to hold up the purchase until the new AERA cards are available. The dollar spent on AERA membership can be saved immediately by a 10% discount available on the first item purchased costing \$10.00 and all purchases beyond this amount will pay dividends of 10% or more to the card owner.

#### \* \* \* \* \* CARE AND FEEDING OF HOBBY HORSES

A fellow wrote a dandy little book on that subject once-Earnest Elmo Calkins-seems to us his name was. It would convince you that everybody can and should own a hobby - some resource or interest that is entirely different from daily work - something that will provide a means of creative expression and release from emotional tension. A lively hobby is a powerful secret weapon against boredom, loneliness, feelings of inferiority and the buffettings of fate.

If you have read down this far, the chances are that you already have a hobby (at least reading) and that you have been tempted sometimes to attempt remodeling your busy and time-crowded life in order to make room for another hobby or two. Better look the field over carefully tho' and try to choose one that suits your personality and purse.

And to help you in making some new choices, why can't we have a HOBBY SHOW? --In the Patio -- this spring, probably in April?

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(Cont'd) Also present at the February 12 meeting were representatives of a few additional Agriculture agencies which are at present planning for the establishment of their own employee recreation associations. The Farmers Home Administration was represented by James Westby and Samuel McClung, from Soil Conservation Service came E.J. Peterson, BAE was represented by Jack Hamblin, and from PMA were Betty Ashton and Eileen Chapin.

Membership in the new Agriculture Employees Recreation Association already includes the 2500 members of the five organizations which have combined to form the new Council, namely, the Beltsville Research Center Employees Association, the Plant Industry Station Employees Association, Farm Credit Club, Athletic and Recreation Association of the Department, and the REA Athletic Association. Additional membership to individuals from any agency not having its own association will be available about March 1 as soon as new membership cards arrive from the printer.

#### Publication Committee

The possibilities of having a monthly or weekly publication sponsored by the Council of the new Association were also discussed at this meeting and a number of persons experienced in the preparation of house organs, etc. were named to a committee to explore further details and problems that might arise in connection with the publication of such an employee newspaper or magazine. This committee will report its findings at the next luncheon meeting of the Organizing Committee for the Association which will be held on March 29 in the Luncheon Conference Room 6962 in the South Building.

#### Discount List Committee

A committee to establish a consolidated list of all agencies offering discounts on purchases was also established. Members of this committee include Paul Hubanks, President of the Beltsville Research Center Employees Association; Don Beckler, Plant Industry Station Employees Association; Fulton Want, Farm Credit Club; Lou Knowles, REA Athletic Association; James Henry Lyman, ARA; and Charles H. Cunningham, Employee Activities Coordinator. The new discount list of the Association is expected to be available along with the new membership cards about March 1.

For further details about plans, etc., of the new AERA, consult the officers of your own employee association, call your contact officer, or call the Employee Activities office on extension 5611 or 6229.

For advance orders for your new AERA card, the Employee Activities office, now in room 1011-S, will accept your dollar.

It is the best way known to meet all the other hobby riders in the Agriculture Department and to learn something about the care and feeding of their hobby horses.

For a HOBBY SHOW, we first need to find exhibitors and here is where you come in. Either you have a hobby that you could exhibit, and win a prize maybe, or you know some office associates who have fascinating hobbies that they could be persuaded to enter in such a show. Drop us a line right now and tell us what things you might want to enter and who some of your hobby riding friends are. You could exhibit anything you raise, make, or collect that will go through the doors of the building and will be visible to other people. Locked showcases will be provided and Guards will be on duty at the Show so that your things will be as safe as they are at home.

Next, the Hobby Show needs some committees and that is where you can help a lot, make new friends, and learn more about hobbies than anybody - but let's talk about that next time.

## CRAFT CLASSES AND CLUBS

People responded to our last month's Bulletin suggestions on starting various craft classes, as follows:

- 11 persons want a Woodworking Club
- 11 people want a course in Ceramics
- 4 people want a Leatherwork Class
- 6 want weaving
- 4 want to join an Art Group and
- 10 people want to learn to play Chess.

We need a few more in each group before we can set the costs down low enough. Call us on extension 5611 or 6229 and we'll add your name to any group you say.

## RIDES WANTED

Mrs. Gladys Sacks, X4050, Chevy Chase Circle  
Mrs. C.R. Carbine, X2579, Eastern Avenue and  
Cedar Street, Takoma Park, Md.  
Mr. McDermott, X2090, 20 Chesapeake St., S.E.  
Ruth R. Thompson, X2569, 4311-10th St., N.E.  
Mary Baltimore, X3200, 5436 Taylor St., Sunny-  
brook (near Cheverly)

## RIDERS WANTED

Ramona S. Peebles, X4342, 25th and Good Hope  
Road, S.E.  
George LeCompte, X2212, Washington Blvd. and  
Nottingham Street, Arlington, Va.  
ROTATORS OR RIDES WANTED  
Mr. Robert, X3616, 4319 South 32nd Road, Fair-  
lington, Va.  
Mr. H.E. Campbell, X3826, 614 Chestnut Street,  
Jefferson Village, Falls Church, Va.

## NEW CHORAL GROUP MEETS OFFICERS

The new Agriculture Choral Group which has been meeting regularly for the past few weeks on Thursday evenings at 5:45 in the Jefferson Auditorium held a business meeting on Thursday, February 15, and elected temporary officers. Hob Powers, R.E.A., was elected President. Other officers and committee chairmen elected or appointed were as follows:  
Recording Secretary, Josephine Shores; Librarian, Lillian Naswick; Advertising Manager, Helen Stewart; Section Leaders Soprano: Gene Michels and Jackie McGinnis; Altos: Lee Goismar; Tenors: Nathaniel Slater; Bass: R. J. Jennings; Accompanist, Alice B. Campbell. Offices of Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Business Manager, and Property and Stage Manager were not filled at this time.

The new group is employing Mr. C. Sumner Spalding, holder of a degree in music from Harvard University, of the Music Cataloguing Department, Library of Congress, as its choral director.

Dues for the group were set at 50¢ a session to be paid in semi-monthly installments of \$1.00 each.

## NEW GADGET ON DISPLAY

A Brush Soundmirror Magnetic Ribbon Recorder-Reproducer has been made available on a demonstration basis in the office of the Employee Activities Coordinator. It is a very useful and practical device for students of voice, language, and lovers of good music. Programs, conversations, voice or music records of a temporary nature may be made and then erased from the ribbon at any time and replaced by other conversations or music of any kind.

With this machine it is a simple matter to make recordings of radio programs and then edit out the commercials with a pair of scissors, joining the remainder of the ribbon together again by splicing with ordinary Scotch tape. The discarded section edited out may also be spliced together and reused.

The machine will be available to members of the new Agriculture Employees Recreation Association at a reduction of 30% from the nationally advertised price of \$229.50.

If you are interested, this machine can be shown to you, during certain hours almost any day. For an appointment, call extension 5611.

## JUST AHEAD OF OUR DEADLINE

Weltzville Research Center Employees Association will have another big Square Dance at the Log Lodge on Friday, March 19th.

## VACATION IN FLORIDA

Friends of Mrs. Ethel Y. Havey, Red Cross Activities Promoter for the Department, will be pleased to learn that she is now enjoying a ten-day vacation in Florida.

For the past 8 years, Mrs. Havey has been employed by the Welfare Association to assist in the promotion of activities sponsored by the Agriculture Volunteer Red Cross Unit. On her return from Florida about March 8, she will continue as Employee Activities Assistant in the office of the Activities Coordinator. Her Red Cross activities will, of course, continue but a considerable variety of other activities will also receive her attention.

## EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

On February 17, 80 people turned up for the new beginners' series of contract bridge instruction under the direction of Charles A. Lyons, E&PQ. About 15 or 20 more have signed up for this ten week series but were unable to be present for the first session. The beginners' class, when full, will have 60 people and the intermediate group about 44.

Agriculture Movie Makers held their second luncheon meeting in room 6970 on Wed., February 11. The Club now has about 40 members. Movies taken by Mr. George E. Cooper, Office of the Solicitor, on a recent trip through western national parks were viewed at the meeting.

On Monday, February 16, the Club sponsored the showing of two prize winning amateur colored films received for review from the Amateur Cinema League.

The Social Dancing Class under the direction of Miss Toni DeFelice has held seven of its ten weeks series classes on Monday nights on the stage of the Jefferson Auditorium. Several of the 30 members of the class have already signed up for a second series of more advanced lessons which are to start about the middle of March.

Registrations for another Beginners' Class are now being accepted. Since space is limited, the size of these groups must be held to thirty people. If you are interested, call Miss DeFelice on extension 5748.

Square Dance Series of ten lessons began on Wednesday night, February 4, under the direction of Bernard Frank, FS. About 20 people are having a lively time in this group learning the various folk dances. The group meets on the Auditorium stage now at 6:30 on Wednesday nights.

The Agriculture Stamp Club will meet again on Thursday, March 11, Room 6763, at 6:30 p.m. Note change of meeting date from the first to the second Thursday of the month.

## MAGIC MELODIES SHOW

The Agriculture Choral Group is sponsoring a program of Magic Melodies to be presented by the Pentagon Choral Club in the Jefferson Auditorium on Wednesday evening, March 10, at 8:30. Tickets for this show are free and available from members of the Agriculture Choral Group. If you would like to have a fine evening of musical entertainment listening to one of the city's up-and-coming amateur musical organizations, contact one of the Agriculture Choral Group members listed below and ask them if they can obtain your tickets for you.

Miriam Arndt, E&PQ, X2582; Jackie McGinnis, REA, X3798; Dorothy McIntyre, MA, X2206; Mildred Moore, P&O, X5225; Lillian Naswick, PMA, 2058; Mary Nemchick, E&PQ, X3219; Helen Stewart, REA, X4981; Virginia Poindexter, SCS, X5307; Gene Michels, PMA, X5217; Alma Akins, OFAR, X2119; Dorothy Bloodgood, PMA, X4322; Lee Goismar, F&D, X2324; Mary Anne O'Brien, PMA, X5814; Shirley Stanton, REA, X4753; Josephine Shores, PMA, X6231; Margaret L. Webb, REA, X3162; Nathaniel Slater, P&E, X2056; Clarence White, REA, X5627; William H. Mitchell, Lib, X2459; Charles H. Cunningham, WA, X5611; R.J. Jennings, RAE, X2132; Ernest Jones, PMA, X2463; Robert Powers, REA, X6448; Winthrop Stanton, REA, X3987; Alice Campbell, RAE, X4278; Laura Horn, REA, X5723; Marie Arste, P&E, X4605; Phyllis Acker, PMA, X4317; Elda Bonzo, RAE, X2824; Leila Cook, P&I, X5601.